

# BRENNHAM WEEKLY BANNER

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NUMBER

ATTEMPTS have been made to assassinate the life of the emperor of Austria. Socialism and communism were at the bottom of it.

The intense cold weather in England causes much distress in Manchester, Sheffield and other localities. Out-door labor is suspended.

JUDGE ROBERTS has concluded not to go to San Antonio. He is now in Austin busily engaged in posting himself on public affairs.

A. EIMER BADER, Austrian consul and a large cotton buyer in New Orleans, drowned himself in the river on Friday. Cause assigned financial troubles.

The Richmond *Four Counties* says Hugh Burns has closed and signed a contract with the Santa Fe road for grading from the 50th to the 84th mile inclusive.

STEWART & Co., have purchased an entire block of ground in New York and will at once proceed to the erection of a mammoth store for their retail business.

The Groesbeck *Rising Sun*, a greenback paper, has set. It literally froze out for want of patronage. It will be moved to Koss and re-established on another basis.

The pocket-book containing \$200,000, lost by the messenger of the Importers and Traders bank, in New York, has been returned by mail. The finders returned \$7739.

GEN. TREVINO and staff arrived in San Antonio on the 26th inst.; they were received by Gen. Ord and staff. A salute was fired. Gen. Trevino is the guest of Gen. Ord.

On Saturday last in Dallas, Arthur Cain and his wife wound up a Christmas spree by his shooting her through the body, inflicting a mortal wound. She says it was accidental.

MEXICAN dollars were quoted at 84c. in New York on Friday last. Here in Brenham they pass for a dollar, provided they are "bisposed" with a United States quarter of a dollar.

BLAIRE the keeper of the vaults of a "safe deposit" company in Chicago got short of funds and stole a package worth about \$1000. He was arrested and said he intended to return it.

The telegraph announces a tremendous conflagration in Hong Kong on Christmas day. This is quick news considering the distance and many offices through which the dispatch comes.

An Iowa grain dealer named Amborgh went to Chicago and raised \$30,000 on forged paper. He was shadowed to Dallas and arrested by detectives. A large portion of the money was recovered.

MORE goods are sold in Dallas in one week than in Houston in a month, says the *Dallas Herald*. "Without" pretending to deny the assertion we turn the matter over to the Houston *Telegram*.

JAMES A. DICKSON, an ex-clergyman of New Albany, Ind., attempted suicide at Memphis by taking strychnine. Several letters found in his possession indicate that he had been guilty of Beecherism.

A GALVESTON ex-alderman in announcing his determination not to be a candidate for mayor of that city, remarked, "no man could be a successful mayor of Galveston in its present financial condition."

The treasurer of the United States has issued a circular to all assistant treasurers directing them to discontinue special coin accounts on and after January 1st, after which time no distinction will be made between coin and legal tenders.

EX-CONGRESSMAN Owen Jones, started from his residence in one of the suburbs of Philadelphia, to visit a neighbor and was found before midnight frozen to death. The deceased represented the fifth Pennsylvania district in the thirty-fifth congress.

YAKOUB KAHN, son of the emier of Afghanistan has just come into Jellalabad, says a London dispatch. This circumstance is regarded as an equivalent to submission to the British.

COLLECTOR SINCLAIR has received the appointment of Col. J. G. Tracy as U. S. Guager at Houston and transmitted the same to him. Sinclair's official head rests firmly and squarely on his shoulders.

In New York a bank messenger on his way to the clearing house lost over \$200,000 on the streets. \$42,900 was in gold certificates payable to the bearer and the finder of the same struck a bonanza.

The Navasota *Tablet* says raising cotton at 5 and 6 cents a pound is about as remunerative as running a newspaper on a credit system. Farmers who have sold cotton at 5 and 6 cents know how it is themselves.

THREE editors of San Antonio are now in the first flush of matrimony. The city editor of the *Express* is one of them and the editor of that excellent paper says the evidence of the fact is made manifest by the tone of his items.

A BOSTON intelligence-office woman, who makes a specialty of furnishing people with servant girls, says there is a very decided repugnance to red headed girls. Just at this time red-headed servant "gals" are not in fashion.

HAM, the land forger, is evidently a spoiled piece of meat. He made a compromise with the State agreeing to take five years in the penitentiary, when about five times as many were really due him. He now gives notice that he will take an appeal.

A DISPATCH from Presidio De Norte says the Mexican troops on the other side of the river are arresting all Indians in that section. Forty or fifty have been jailed and five killed. It looks as if the Mexican government was acting in good faith.

ANOTHER newspaper man has committed matrimony. James Kibbee, of the *Mason News-Item* was married to Miss Ada Hurst on the 25th inst. He makes the third newspaper man who has "done and gone and got married" during the holidays.

The Potter committee has decided to investigate the cipher dispatches. Gov. Tilden has expressed a willingness to go on the witness stand make a full statement which, it is claimed by his friends, will completely vindicate him from every charge.

THERE is but one newspaper in Texas opposed to the publication of legal sales of real estate; that paper is published in a city where there is another and much better newspaper which has a much larger and better circulation. Hence the grapes are sour.

The *Dallas Herald* says of its Denison namesake, "A more worthless, dull and stupid newspaper is not printed in Texas." Whereupon the Denison paper considers itself highly complimented and retorts in kind upon its Dallas contemporary. Honors are now easy between the two papers.

THE excess of exports over imports last year was \$257,000,000. In other words the balance of trade was in our favor to that amount. That the people are any better off on this account is doubtful; the heavy protective tariff on some articles puts a vast amount of money into the pockets of eastern manufacturers.

NEWSPAPER proprietors, editors and the public have been long in the dark as to the reason that errors, typographical and otherwise, sometimes find their way into the papers. The matter has at last been satisfactorily explained by the Burlington *Hawkeye* man. It's owing entirely to the ink. If the right kind of ink is used no errors will ever appear in the paper.

An excursion is to be made to the City of Mexico by a number of merchants of Chicago and other moral cities. A programme for their entertainment in the Mexican capital has been arranged. For the fifth day it reads thus: "A bull fight at Cuernavilla."

RUSSIA and Turkey are still engaged in negotiating a treaty of peace. As a matter of course Russia is making her own terms. Among other things indemnity is required. As soon as the treaty is signed evacuation of Turkish territory by the Russians will begin.

GROCERIES are rapidly getting down to old-time prices. In New Orleans coffee is selling at 1-2 to 1-3 3-4c. by the cargo. Molasses 20 to 32c. for common to prime, and sugar at from 4-1-2 to 5-3-4c. for common to choice. There is a vast difference between these prices and those of ten or twelve years ago.

In Alaska they have a way of their own of doing business. On Dec. 13, John Boyd killed, in a cowardly manner, Thomas O'Brien, at Fort Wrangle. The citizens at once organized a little court of their own and allowed him to select his own jury. They found him guilty and the next day there was a first-class hanging.

THE Waco *Examiner* has issued a mammoth 9-column paper under the title of the *Holiday Visitor*, as its name imports it is essentially a holiday paper and is well filled with interesting and seasonal reading and also a liberal number of advertisements. In getting out this sheet the *Examiner* exhibits much enterprise.

THE Houston *Telegram* says there is a noticeable disposition on the part of many papers to attack and find fault with the out-going State administration. All of this, it says, is brought about by a set of cormorants who are now out of office and want to get in. 'Twas ever thus, and probably will continue to be so, if not more so.

AN explosion occurred at a dynamite factory near Patterson, N. J., on the 28th. Three men were at work in the mixing house when the explosion took place. The building and the three men were blown to atoms; the remains of the men were scattered over a hundred acres of adjacent ground. The shock was like that of an earthquake.

No man has ever yet stepped from the senate chamber into the presidential chair. Clay Crawford, H. L. White and Douglas tried to do so but they all failed. Jackson was in the senate but resigned when nominated for the presidency. It is therefore argued that there is no chance or even a shadowing for Blaine, Conding, Thurman or Bayard. It is surmised that the coming man will be the "dark horse." Anybody to beat Grant, say we.

EVERY day's reports from the court of appeals show that there is something radically wrong in a system which leads only to the reversal of almost every case appealed, says the *Austin Statesman*. This, it adds, is caused in a great measure by incompetent district judges. The remedy lies in competent judges and prosecuting attorneys. The cost incurred by the present system is infinitely greater than would be the cost of judges whose decisions and rulings would not be reversed.

A LARGE flour-mill is in course of construction at the corner of Center and Avenue A in Galveston. It is to manufacture flour by the patent process and will have a capacity of 125 barrels a per day. The supply of wheat will for the present come mostly from Southern Kansas, as the wheat crop of Northern Texas was not abundant. The owners of the mill complain of the exorbitant rates of freight charged by the railroads leading to Galveston. If we had cheap railway tariffs it would pay to raise wheat here for shipment to Galveston and Houston. Let us have the Santa Fe road soon if not sooner.

## GALVESTON.

Mr. J. F. Elliott, having written a long and sensible letter to the *Galveston Journal of Commerce* in which he takes the ground that the surrounding circumstances are in the main against that sea-girt city's prospects of rapid growth. He contends that if Galveston is anything it must be a commercial city. The *Dallas Commercial* and the *Houston Telegram* fully endorse the views expressed by Mr. Elliott for the reason that both places expect to outgrow Galveston and both expect to be the chief commercial town or metropolis of Texas. In the nature of things this cannot be so. Texas is a vast and growing state, it is yet in its infancy. Galveston is the only seaport of any consequence in Texas without a seaport we could do nothing. Galveston by virtue of her location cannot be prevented from becoming a great city. As Texas grows and develops so must and will Galveston grow. There is not the least occasion for either Dallas, Houston or in fact any interior town in the State to be in the remotest degree jealous of Galveston. There is plenty of room for all of them to grow and thrive, as there is no doubt they will. Galveston needs assistance at the hands of the general government for the improvement of her harbor and the deepening of her ship channel so that large vessels can come in from the outer bar to the wharves. The improvement of Galveston harbor is not a local matter benefiting Galveston alone, but it is a matter in which the entire State of Texas is directly interested. Railways cannot compete with water transportation, consequently we must have a seaport for the shipment of our vast production to the eastern seaboard and foreign countries. Galveston is that seaport.

## Legal Advertising.

The prevailing manner of advertising sheriff's sales, and of using the most obscure mediums in cases where publication in a newspaper is required by law, has been shown to be so much a matter of course that the legislature will take some action in reference to a reformation of the practice. As legal advertising is generally managed in this State, the people are put to an expense for which they receive no benefit, and almost any number of instances might be cited where valuable property has been sacrificed for a song simply because the advertisement was posted on some out of the way door or post, or published in some newspaper not having a circulation or an influence to bring it to the attention of the public. On account of this practice, we frequently see the interested parties, who cannot control the legally authorized advertising, go to the extra expense of publishing their advertisements where they can read it. It is patent to every sensible man that the Legislature should take action in this connection. If they cannot pass a law requiring that advertisements shall be placed where they will do the most good, let them repeal the present law, as it is, in nearly every case, a clear loss of time and money.—*San Antonio Express*.

## Gold, Again.

On to-morrow, January 1st, the government and the banks resume specie payment. Every greenback and national bank note will represent the amount its face calls for in gold and silver. Opinions vary as to the ability of the government to maintain the equality of the two kinds of money; the weight of opinion being on the side of the government. When the people are thoroughly satisfied that they can get coin for their paper money, they prefer the paper because of its convenience and the facility with which it can be handled. As yet, in this vicinity, there is no gold in circulation, though silver is abundant, yet most of our farmers prefer greenbacks. In the course of a few months gold will be taken from old stockpiles, bank vaults and other hiding places and put in general circulation.

## Wheat.

The Farmers of Western Texas, because of the encouraging success the past season, are now cultivating wheat very extensively. Many have already sown and others are making preparations. Here in Washington county quite a number of our planters made experiments with wheat last season, and as far as we had any reports, the crop was a complete success. This season we have heard but little said about it, and do not know how much, if any, will be planted. We have no flour mills in this county and if no wheat is raised there is a very strong probability that we never will have. Notwithstanding the cry that there's no money in cotton the people here are generally prosperous.

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## Catching 'Em.

In Galveston the city assessor found that many who were liable to pay taxes to the city as liquor dealers evaded the tax in sundry and diverse ways. In fact many persons dealing in spirits have evaded the inclination or the state, county or license tax, so. The assessor exacts a tax of one cent on each dealer's license, and evades neglect to take of Galveston license. The Galveston assessor determined to find who paid government tax who did not. Collector placed his books at the disposal of the assessor and the assessor, all the time, have to face the music and pay up like little men.

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AN Austin special to the *News* says it is confidently expected the newly elected governor will institute a radical change in the manner of conducting public business in some of the departments. He proposes a reduction of expenses. The legislature will be called upon to remedy the school law, so as to make its efficiency correspond with the outlay.

## General News.

Captain Eads has again begun work upon the jetties. Illinois is a thriving State, and her Industrial University has 375 students.

The raising of the Mohair coat in California is a profitable business to embark in.

The New Hampshire Legislature has declared that a crime provides for a crime.

Twelve acres of bottom land on the Stephens farm in this county, produces this year twenty-eight bushels of cotton, each weighing 500 pounds. How is this for cotton raising?—*Akinsaw Traveler*.

The Ohio State Grange met in Columbus December 10th, with one hundred delegates present. The address of welcome was delivered by Prof. Townsend, of the State University. The secretary reported 977 granges with about 40,000 members.

## Fair Warning.

The BANNER as a daily paper publishes the proceedings of the courts as a matter of news. We have occasionally been called upon to suppress the names of parties arranged before the mayor's court. From and after the first of January we will publish the names of all parties so arraigned. We find the following in the *Galveston News*; it so completely meets our views that we reproduce it, and will be governed accordingly:

[N. B.—Under no circumstances will the names of persons publicly arraigned before the recorder's court, the criminal court, or any justice's court, whatever may be their standing in the community, be omitted from these reports. Application to the reporter or at the office to suppress or falsify names or postpone publication of the same will be useless trouble. No order or proceeding in a civil case will be omitted. This rule is adopted to make our record of the courts complete and reliable.]

The following is a puzzle in punctuation; read in one way the man is paragon of excellence; in another way he is one of the meanest of the mean.

"He is an old and experienced man in vice and wickedness he is never found in opposing the work of iniquity he takes delight in the downfall of his neighbors he never rejoices in the prosperity of any of his fellow creatures he is always ready to assist in destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure in serving the Lord he is unconscionably diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no effort to restrain his evil passions he strives hard to build up Satan's kingdom he lends no aid to the support of the Gospel among the heathen he contributes largely to the evil adversity he pays no attention to good advice he never goes to heaven he must go where he will receive the just recompense of his reward."

THERE is to be a convention of general passenger agents of railway lines of the southeast and west at Houston to-day, Saturday, for the purpose of conference and adopting such rates of tariff as may be deemed expedient. It is to be hoped they may "deem it expedient" to materially reduce present rates. These are hard-money times and the prices of everything except railway freight and passenger tariffs has been reduced within reasonable bounds.

FIELD and James, brokers in New York, had the "Jeremy Diddler" game played on them to the extent of \$30,000. A curbstone broker, well known to the firm, stepped in and procured the bonds, stating that he would return with a certified check. As he didn't return the supposition is that he has got lost in the city.

A few days ago near Pittsfield in the upper edge of Fort Bend county a party of young men out on a drunk fired several shots into a negro cabin. Afterwards meeting a negro man in the road they shot him. The constable there refused to make any arrests. The sheriff subsequently arrested two of the shooters.

## STATE NEWS.

The cold snap extended as far south as Galveston. Ice and icicles were were abundant.

McKinney had a heavy snow storm on Thursday. A negro froze to death at the poor-farm.

Several cases of small-pox have occurred in San Antonio. The disease is by no means general.

Drunk rowdies cavort and charge around in Houston. *Telegram* thinks they should be stopped.

Dallas negro boys 14 years old carry concealed weapons, one was arrested and held in a \$100 bond.

In Waco the colored people keep fully up with the fashions, they gave a grand masquerade ball and supper last week.

James Hampshire, a negro, while stepping from a door to the sidewalk in Navasota, was shot and killed by an unknown party.

All the whiskey dealers in Hearne, seven or eight in number, have been gobbled up by the sheriff for not paying their occupation tax.

McKinney, the would-be wife-murderer at Sherman had a preliminary examination. He took his old quarters in jail in default of a \$1500 bond.

Paris has had a shooting scrape. John Hinds, a white sport, shot Tom Cotton, a negro musician. A colored woman was the cause of the trouble.

Rothschild's attorneys hope for a new trial; if not granted they will as a matter of course take an appeal. The case will be fought, to the bitter end.

A Mexican thief found a horse with saddle, bridle and revolver hitched to a post on the Military plaza in San Antonio. He mounted and made his escape.

On Wednesday night H. Levysen's grocery store at Austin was completely burned out, also McCulloch & Booth, auction and commission merchants. Loss about \$5000.

A Houston *Telegram* special from Huntsville says Hardin is still confined in the dark cell. The convicts were given an extra dinner, tobacco and reading matter on Christmas.

Kepp & Yates, one of the heaviest grocery houses in Sherman, have an assignment. Liabilities \$100,000; assets \$35,000 or \$40,000. High living and too much credit is assigned as the cause of the collapse.

Josh Davis, a negro living in Stringtown, a suburb of Dallas, was attacked while asleep by another black coon who made two large gashes in his temple and cut one of his eyes from its socket.

The *Telegram* has been presented with an icicle six feet long and eight or ten inches thick. It should set that icicle aside until July and then make a mint julep, a sherry cobbler, or a claret punch.

Green Johnson, colored, formerly a soldier, was legally hanged at Menardville, Menard county, on Friday last, for the murder of his wife. He met his fate bravely and died in the hope of entering a better world.

Ernst Bode and Chas. Schweitzer, living on Comanche creek near Dhanis, had a wrestling match and quarrel. Pistols were brought into requisition. Schweitzer leaves a widow and several children.

On Christmas day near Mulville, Brazos county a negro cursed some small white boys for shooting fire crackers. Mr. Buck Pollock spoke in their behalf, the negro man was saucy when he hit him with his fist; another negro walked up and shot Pollock killing him instantly. No arrests.

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At Centralia, Texas, on the 23d inst. Ainsworth shot and killed W. Davis, he then fired more shots fatally wounding Alf Leonard and slightly wounding Steve English. All of this took place at a party. The shootist skipped.

At Fort Worth on Christmas day a milliner accused a policeman named Rogers of stealing a watch and chain from her, when he fired on her shooting her through the thighs, inflicting what is believed a fatal wound. Rogers was arrested and jailed. There was serious talk of lynching him.

The woolen factory at New Braunfels has added improvements and is enabled to manufacture finer goods than ever before. The machinery recently imported was for the finishing department. The goods made at these mills have an established reputation throughout the entire southwest.

The U. S. deputy marshal who arrested Scott & Wood for bull-dozing, was himself arrested in Navasota, taken before the lord mayor and fined the usual amount for a common drunk. Farris, the lately deposed city marshal of Navasota having been rewarded by the appointment of U. S. deputy marshal, was also arrested and assessed \$5 and trimmings. He was also drunk.

Navasota *Tablet* Sam Lott and Henry Thompson, colored complainants against Col. J. Q. Yarbrough, M. C. Pickett and Van Denderick in the intimidation cases recently tried at Austin, and who were committed to jail on charge of perjury, said cases, were last week tried in Austin on a writ of habeas corpus and remanded to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

James James, probably the oldest man in Texas and a resident of Parker county, recently died at the home of his daughter in Young county. He was aged 114 years, six months and 22 days, having been born near the Red house, Prince William county, Virginia, May 10, 1764. In his 109th year he cultivated a water melon patch and realized off the same \$125.

The Houston Greenbackers are divided into two factions. They now employ all their leisure time in mutually cursing each other for putting tickets in the field. The republicans are completely dead, so far as the same is concerned, and the probability is that the Democrats will have an easy and triumphant victory in the coming municipal election.

At the request of Mr. Stephens, chairman of the coinage committee, a number of specimens of the proposed gold dollar have been handed to the committee. The gold dollar is composed of gold, silver and copper and weighs 230 grains. It is the equivalent of the present gold and silver dollar. It is slightly larger in diameter than the silver half dollar, but not so thick and is incapable of being split.

S. G. Sutherland, a resident of Atascosa county and a gentleman of unquestioned veracity, reports to the *Brazos River Journal* that a Mexican shepherd in the empty of sheep man sixty miles east of that place had dug up box containing about \$5000 in Mexican gold coin. The Mexican after securing the treasure at once left for port unknown, being content to abandon the business of herding sheep.

Two negroes were killed in Navasota last week. Whitesides was shot by known parties at the house of his wife. It seemed that he had been separated from his wife for some months. One night he was shot he went to the house and endeavored to break the door down; a bullet that was inside coiled goose. The other negro, Hampshire, had half of his shot away as he was standing in front of a negro store on Railway street. He was a good negro and stood well among his own people. The coroner's jury returned a verdict Hampshire was killed by De. Beaver an ex-convict and negro outlaw. Beaver escaped.